

Mr. Parsons, from Select Committee, reported favorably without amendment the Senate bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the town of Princess Anne in Somerset county, Maryland;

Mr. King, from Select Committee, reported favorably without amendment the Senate bill entitled, an Act to authorize the County Commissioners for Anne Arundel county, to subscribe for the Capital Stock of the Curtis Creek Bridge Company;

Also the Senate bill entitled, an Act to authorize Thomas J. White and others, of Howard county, to convey a House, and certain lands to Joseph Blew and others;

Which were severally read a second time.

Mr. Israel, Chairman Select Committee on Site for State Building, made the following report:

The Committee to which was referred so much of the Governors Message as related to the procuring of suitable accommodations, for certain officers of the State, required by law to be established in the city of Baltimore, and which was in the following languages :

#### A BUILDING FOR STATE PURPOSES IN BALTIMORE CITY.

The need of a suitable building in the city of Baltimore for State purposes is seriously felt. An office for the collection of State taxes must soon be provided. The Commissioner of Immigration, Board of Public Works, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, are all under rent in different parts of the city, with accomodation scarcely adequate to their wants. Whether it would not be advisable to purchase a building in some central location in which all the State officers could be properly accomodated, not subject to be interfered with by the fluctuations in rents or other contingencies, is a matter to which I would invite your attention. I am satisfied that the public interest would be facilitated by such an arrangement, without increased expense to the State.

Beg leave respectfully to report the subject which has been thus indicated, and which was referred to your Committee, has met at their hands with full and careful investigation, and they have reached the following conclusions as the result of their enquiries and examinations.

In addition to the officers named, it would be well that suitable apartments for the use of the Governor, should be provided in the city of Baltimore. Business more particularly relating to the interests of the city, but yet of a public nature very frequently requires his presence there, where those more immediately concerned might have readier means of access to, and communication with the Executive.